

SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 2007 – 2008



Batsmobile by Author **Brian Lies** at the 2007 Summer Reading Celebration Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport



Baxter the Library Mascot makes an appearance at the Maine Festival of the Book, Portland, May 17, 2008



Vicky Smith (right) receives the SMLD Certificate of Appreciation at the Spring Council Meeting, May 23, 2008



School Librarians' Meeting
March 26, 2008
Jameson School, Old Orchard Beach



Meeting for Children's Librarians
May 28, 2008
York Public Library



IT Librarians' Meeting
May 1, 2008
Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred



Weeding Workshop
November 26, 2007
Ogunquit Memorial Library



Basic Book Repair Workshop
September 14 & 21, 2007
Portland Public Library



Panel of Speakers at the SMLD
Fall Council Meeting
October 26, 2007

SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT

Annual Report

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

District Goals

- I. Increase Public Awareness, Use and Support of Maine Libraries
- II. Facilitate Professional Development
- III. Encourage Resource Sharing and Regional Cooperation
- IV. Foster Literacy
- V. Improve Communication Among Libraries, Library Organizations, and Other Groups
- VI. Foster Improved Library Service

Goal I. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS, USE AND SUPPORT OF MAINE LIBRARIES

Three **exhibits** about library services were produced during the year by the SMLD Public Relations Committee:

- **Maine Adult Education Conference**, Sable Oaks Hotel, South Portland, October 18 & 19, 2007
- **Portland Public Library**, April 2008
- **2nd Annual Maine Festival of the Book**, Monument Square, Portland, May 17, 2008

The Adult Education exhibit provided information about MARVEL! resources, Talking Books, and literacy services. Exhibit staff found that many more people had heard of or used MARVEL since the previous year's exhibit. Comments: "Cool – will help with GED students;" "Happy to see Lexile levels in Novelist;" "Learned about MARVEL! from conference workshop last year and...has told staff all about it."

The Portland Library exhibit in a large glass case in the library's entryway featured a new life-size cut-out of humorist **Tim Sample**, who agreed to be a spokesperson for MARVEL!.

MARVEL resources and the Literary Map of Maine project were displayed in a tent on Monument Square during the Festival of the Book. **Baxter the Library Mascot** attracted adults and children.

Goal II. FACILITATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

District Council Meetings

(Fall *attendance*: 87)

"Making Libraries Relevant: Attracting and Keeping Library Customers," October 26, 2007, Keeley the Katerer, Portland. Keynote Speaker **Linda Albert**, Portland Public Library Human Resources Director spoke on the "ABCs of Customer Service --Attracting and Keeping Library Customers – Internal & External: Other topics covered included "Doing Away with Rules & Regulations" by **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library; "Changes Result in Increased Usage Statistics" by **Steve Podgajny**, Portland Public Library; "Small Budget Changes Make a Big Difference" by **Merry Kahn**, Frank Harrison Middle School, Yarmouth; "Library Staff Renovates a Library" by **Nancy Crowell**, Scarborough Public Library; and "Library Makeovers in the Districts" by: **Bonnie Dwyer**, CMLD Consultant.

Small Group Sessions included : A) Dealing with Difficult Customers – A Sharing Session and Discussion: **Paul D'Alessandro**, Portland Public Library; B) Genre Shelving – Easier for Our Customers: **Kelley McDaniel**, King Middle School, Portland; and C) Library Website Usability – Handy Tips: **Rob Landry**, Pemaquid Communications, Cumberland Center.

(Spring *attendance*: 101)

"Information for Everyone: The Changing Face of Reference and Information Services," May 23, 2008, University of Southern Maine, Glickman Library, Portland.

Keynote Speaker: **Jim Kelly**, University of Massachusetts/Amherst was followed by a panel of Maine Librarians: **Bill Grubb**, University of Southern Maine; **Barbara Keef**, Windham Public Library; **Janet Cowen**, Maine Medical Center, Portland; **Liz Reisz**, York School Department.

Small group sessions included : A) Assessment of Reference Service: **Jim Kelly**; B) Bare Bones Reference Sources for Maine Public Libraries: **Suzanne Thompson**, Portland Public Library; C) Learning Styles: **Elaine Stanley**, formerly Reference Librarian, Maine State Library; G) Challenging Questions and Patrons: **Paul D'Alessandro**, Portland Public Library; H) Non MARVEL! Free and Inexpensive Databases – A Sharing Session: **Suzanne Hamilton**, Yarmouth High School and **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Department.

Book Repair Workshop, Portland Public Library, September 14 & 21, 2007 (*attendance: 15*)

This popular hands-on two-part workshop covered the basics of library book repair and was taught by Abraham Schechter, head of the special collections department at the Portland Public Library.

Children's Librarians Meetings (*attendance: 53*)

Guest speakers and participants shared ideas on the following topics:

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| ○ "Storytimes – Songs & Fingerplays" | Kennebunk Free Library | November 28, 2007 |
| ○ "Vacation Time Programming" | Scarborough Public Library | February 5, 2008 |
| ○ "MARVEL! And WebJunction Resources" | York Public Library | May 29, 2008 |

Public Library Director Meetings (*attendance: 78*)

Local library directors have opportunities to share information and confer with colleagues at these area meetings. The District Consultant provides information about regional and statewide plans including library legislation, grants, and continuing education.

Yapping Yorkies	Hollis Center Public Library	October 12, 2007
Loose Librarians	North Bridgton Public Library	October 19, 2007
Talking Heads	Ogunquit Memorial Library	November 26, 2007
Chattering Cheeses	Baxter Memorial Library	November 27, 2007
Loose Librarians	Windham Public Library	January 25, 2008
Talking Heads	Springvale Public Library	February 25, 2008
Yapping Yorkies	Community Library, Lyman	March 27, 2008
Loose Librarians	Casco Public Library	April 25, 2008
Talking Heads	Wells Public Library	April 28, 2008
Yapping Yorkies	William Fogg Library, Eliot	June 27, 2008

Reference Librarians (*attendance: 48*)

A major accomplishment of this group was the publication in May 2008 of "**A Bare Bones Reference List for Small and Medium-Sized Public Libraries in Maine.**" The group also assisted in planning the Spring 2008 SMLD Council Meeting which focused on reference and information services. Quarterly meetings of reference librarians from public and academic libraries provided opportunities for sharing information about MARVEL! and other databases. The spring meeting at the Falmouth library included a comparative demonstration of consumer health resources by University of New England staff.

- July 20, 2007, Kennebunk Free Library
- September 20, University of New England, Portland
- December 7, 2007, Portland Public Library
- March 7, 2008, Falmouth Memorial Library

School Librarian Meetings (*attendance: 62*)

School *and* public librarians were welcomed at these meetings:

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| ○ "Databases – Beyond MARVEL!" | October 17, 2007 | Bonney Eagle Middle School |
| ○ "Blogging: The Whys and Hows" | November 14, 2007 | Wentworth Intermediate School,
Scarborough |
| ○ "WebJunction" | January 15, 2008 | Deering High School, Portland |
| ○ "Literature Clubs & Literature Circles" | March 26, 2008 | Jameson School, Old Orchard Beach |
| ○ "Face Lifts On A Shoestring" | May 6, 2008 | Yarmouth Middle School |

Train the Trainer Workshop, Portland Public Library (*attendance: 19*)

Using an innovative variety of training techniques, former State Library Reference Librarian Elaine Stanley conducted a workshop for reference librarians and other staff about group trainings. The workshop covered multiple learning styles and paired them with appropriate teaching styles. The workshop held Oct. 30, 2007 at the Portland Public Library was so well received that it was offered again at the spring 2008 Council Meeting.

Weeding Workshops (*attendance: 11*)

Two workshops were held during the year – at the Ogunquit Memorial Library on Nov. 26, 2007 and at Soldier's Memorial Library in Hiram on March 18, 2008. Each session included an overview of collection development policies and procedures followed by hands-on weeding and a discussion. Hundreds of books were weeded during these sessions – adult fiction in Ogunquit and children's picture books in Hiram.

Goal III. ENCOURAGE RESOURCE SHARING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

In partnership with the Portland newspapers and a steering committee of Maine organizations, work was begun on a **Literary Map of Maine** to be published in the "Maine Sunday Telegram" during the summer of 2008. The idea for the map was initiated by the SMLD Public Relations Committee, and based on a similar project conducted by the New York Times in 2005. Readers submitted over 160 titles with Maine settings. In addition to the print map, an online version was also being developed. This online map will expand as new titles are submitted, and will contain links to library catalogs and partner organizations. Partners for the project include the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine Women Writers Collection, the University of Maine, and the Maine Historical Society.

Initiated by a member library, **a new meeting group was formed among IT staff**. The first meeting was held at the Falmouth Memorial Library on November 29, 2007 for IT librarians and Susie Strout, the statewide Maine School and Library Network Circuit Rider. Among the topics discussed: IT staff responsibilities, training, and new or developing library technologies. Additional meetings were held on: Feb. 28, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook; and May 1, 2008 at the Parsons Memorial Library in Alfred. (*attendance: 26*)

Goal IV. FOSTER LITERACY

Children's and Young Adult Book Review Meetings (*attendance: 264*)

These monthly meetings at the Portland Public Library are attended by school and public librarians who review new books received for the **Maine Examination Collection**, and also discuss current children's services issues. Participants kept the books they reviewed for their library collections, as many as 240 books annually. Volunteers processed the review books received, a total of 2,618 books and audiovisuals from 72 publishers, an increase of 19% over last year. Librarians reviewed 73% of the titles received.

Family Summer Reading Celebration

Authors Laura Rankin, Sarah L. Thomson, and Brian Lies read from their books at the 7th Annual SMLD Celebration for summer reading participants held August 17, 2007 at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport. A scavenger hunt based on the summer reading theme "Get a Clue @ Your Library" offered book prizes for the 444 children who participated. Adults and children enjoyed free rides on the restored historic trolleys, a Mystery Skit by Crossroads Youth Star Camp, a Library Book Cart Drill Team, and a performance by Magician Peter Boie. Over 1,000 children and their families attended the celebration.

Traveling Cream of the Crop Children's and YA Book Collection

Compiled by a volunteer committee of SMLD librarians for the annual "**Reading Round-Up of Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference**," a collection of outstanding new books was loaned to the following schools and libraries: Belfast Free Library (July); Northeastern Maine Library District (August); Rangeley Public Library (September); Carrabassett Valley Public Library (October); Brown Memorial Library, Clinton (November); Canaan Public Library (December); Massabesic Middle School, Waterboro (January); West Buxton Public Library (February); Kennebunk Elementary School (March); Bangor Public Library (April/May) and Rockport Elementary School (June).

Goal V. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AMONG LIBRARIES, LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER GROUPS

Orientation For New SMLD Members (*attendance: 12*)

The annual orientation for new librarians and trustees was held October 11, 2007, at the Portland Public Library. Participants were shown a video about SMLD's history and services; provided with information packets; and informed of district policies and procedures. The session concluded with a tour of regional library services provided by PPL, SMLD's Area Reference and Resource Center.

Newsletters

“**News Notes**,” the District’s newsletter for member libraries, was published and mailed to member libraries in July and September 2007, and January, April and June 2008. These newsletters are also published on the SMLD web site. Each issue includes a calendar, and news concerning SMLD libraries and statewide library events.

Goal VI. FOSTER IMPROVED LIBRARY SERVICE

A sub-committee of the SMLD Reference Librarians with input from the Bangor and Maine State Libraries produced a 2nd edition of the “**SMLD Bare Bones Reference List for Small and Medium-Sized Public Libraries in Maine**.” Among the changes from the 1988 edition were the inclusion of children’s materials and an extensive list of freely available websites.

SMLD librarians Elizabeth Doucette from the Curtis Library in Brunswick; James Charette, Burbank Branch, Portland Public Library, and Susan Trent, Scarborough Library Trustee served on the selection committee for the statewide **Library Makeover program**. Charette and Trent also assisted in the makeovers themselves. The Hurd Library in North Berwick was one of the five libraries selected.

Former City Librarian Victoria Smith received the **SMLD Certificate of Appreciation** at the Spring 2008 concil Meeting. Smith was nominated for her work on many state, regional and national committees including the American Library Association’s Newbury Committee, Maine’s Reading Round Up and Cream of the Crop committee, the SMLD Executive Board, and Maine’s statewide purchasing committee SCOOP.

Library administration, building design, programming, Friends and trustee information are included in the **SMLD Professional collection** of 627 books, videos and audiocassettes. Circulation was down to 102 due in part to a decision made to downsize District collections and refer requests to the State Library.

AREA REFERENCE AND RESOURCE CENTER

The Portland Public Library serves as the SMLD Area Reference and Resource Center (ARRC) and receives state aid for providing interlibrary loan, backup reference service and free borrowers’ cards for SMLD libraries and patrons to directly access collection and electronic resources. For the second consecutive year lending at the Portland Public Library system grew significantly. Overall lending rose 9% and included gains in all major categories and type of materials.

The Interlibrary Loan Department reports that FY 07-08 was a banner year with requests greatly ahead of last year's figures -- over 25,000 requests, a seven year high. 61 % of those requests were from libraries in the Southern Maine Library District. PPL filled 43% of requests from its own holdings (up from 40% last year). In addition 337 libraries requested items from PPL for the first time. The biggest innovation was the lending of audiovisual items to other libraries

The Reference Department added *Credo Reference* to its databases offerings. This database searches hundreds of reference books on subjects from art to technology, and includes full text articles from dictionaries, encyclopedias, images, animations, and art reproductions. It is available from home computers using a PPL card number. The popular language database *Rosetta Stone* was eliminated because the publisher decided not to make it available to public libraries.

The Circulation Department reports that of the 77,571 PPL borrowers cards, 23,968 are from SMLD borrowers. During the year 2,871 *new* cards were issued to SMLD borrowers – a 41% increase over last year. Much of this growth can be attributed to the increase in the PALs program (Partner Area Libraries) who issue PPL cards at their locations. The PALs program, which started as a pilot project last year, currently has 22 participating libraries. Many patrons take advantage of this program in order to access PPL’s popular subscription databases and downloadable audiobooks through the assistance and convenience of their familiar community libraries.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

September 14, 2007 - Naples Public Library; November 10, 2007 - Scarborough Public Library; January 11, 2008 - Warren Memorial Library; March 14, 2008 - Dyer Library, Saco; June 13, 2008 - Wells Reserve Coastal Resource Library (Annual Meeting)

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Children's Book Review Hostesses: **Virginia Calvo**, Acton; **Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Joan Connick**, Portland; **Sheila Dube**, Springvale Public Library **Laurie Dunlap**, Frank Jewett School, West Buxton; **Anne Farley**, Bonney Eagle Middle School, Buxton; **Brooke Faulkner**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Shirley LaBranche**, Sanford; **Sally Leahey**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Susan Levine**, Brunswick; **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Department; **Laurel Parker**, Windham Public Library; **Kristin Peto**, Scarborough Public Library; **Leslie Rounds**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Sybil Shiland**, Hollis Elementary School; **Georgianne Small**, Biddeford; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Virginia Stelk**, Peaks Island; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Maggie Wentworth**, Brunswick; **Kris Zuidema**, Edna Libby School, Sebago Lake

Cream of the Crop: **Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Leslie Rounds**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library

Nominating: **Meteena Edwards**, Naples Public Library; **Suzanne Hamilton**, Yarmouth High School; **Barbara Merritt** (Chair), Scarborough School Department;

Public Relations: **Marjorie Anderson**, Mercy Hospital, Portland; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Carolyn Hughes**, University of Southern Maine, Portland; **Lisa Joyce**, Portland Public Library; **Kathy Kigin**, Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Lynn McCarthy**, Riverton School, Portland

Summer Reading: **Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Kirsten Cappy**, CuriousCity; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; **Pat Larrabee**, Maine Charitable Mechanic Association Library, Portland; **Phil Morse**, Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport; **Martha Perkins**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Laura White**, Biddeford Middle School

OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET:

\$9,200.00

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Books/AV/Subscriptions	\$ 500.00	\$ 578.04
Cont. Educ./Staff Development	1,600.00	1,695.18
Contractual Services	0	0
Equipment/Software	300.00	82.62
Member Recognition	0	127.00
Parking	540.00	540.00
Phone	300.00	100.00
Postage (1 st class, lib.rate)	1,100.00	971.87
Printing/Photocopying	700.00	590.08
Photocopier Rental	1,185.00	1,184.40
Promotion & Publicity (exhibits)	75.00	73.75
Supplies	800.00	1,086.08
Travel	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>2,175.48</u>
Sub-total	\$9,200.00	\$9,204.50

BALANCE

\$ - 4.50

MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PROJECTS

The three library Districts in the Maine Regional Library System -- Central, Northeastern and Southern -- worked together on the following projects and programs.

LIBRARY MAKEOVERS

Makeovers were conducted in five small public libraries during the year: **New Vineyard Public Library** (July 17, 2007); **Hurd Library** in North Berwick (August 3, 2007); **Underwood Memorial Library** in Fayette (May 16, 2008); **Canaan Public Library** (May 30, 2008), and the **Pembroke Library Association** (June 13, 2008). This year the program was expanded to include all three regional districts. Thanks to a New Century Community grant, each library received a \$ 200 stipend. A total of 17 libraries applied.

Makeovers were completed during one day by a team who removed and re-arranged furniture, weeded collections, and discarded equipment to make the libraries more inviting and functional. Each library received a written report with recommendations for future purchases and projects. Team members included Interior designer Cori McGrath and Richard Tucker from Tucker Library Interiors; District Consultants Bonnie Dwyer, Shirley Helfrich and Valerie Osborne; Portland Branch Manager Jim Charette; Farmington Public Library Director Melanie Coombs Taylor; and Scarborough Public Library trustee Susan Trent.

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHTS

Members of the three regional library district public relations committees selected libraries for the “Spotlight” section of the Maine Libraries website <http://www.maine.gov/libraries/>. Each library receives a special banner and marketing materials for the month. The following libraries were featured this year: Bangor Public Library (July 2007); Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle (August); Fryeburg Public Library (September); Waterville Senior High School Media Center (November); Farmington Public Library (December), Maine Regional Library System [*for 35th Anniversary*] (January 2008); Gardiner Public Library (February); The Southwest Harbor Public Library (March); Wells Reserve Coastal Resource Library (April); Rockland Public Library (May); and Garbrecht Law Library, USM, Portland (June).

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Humorist Tim Sample and award-winning Maine librarians were featured during Maine Libraries Week at the State Capitol on January 15, 2008. Exhibits in the Capitol included MARVEL! resources and a cake in recognition of the Maine Regional Library System’s 35th anniversary as well as a guessing jar for the number of Maine public libraries. Sample spoke during the press conference about his support of the databases and unveiled a MARVEL! DVD in which he and Rockport librarian Molly Larson appeared. DVDs were given to all Maine legislators. Many legislators and state office workers stopped at the exhibit although numbers were down this year because of a trip scheduled the same day for new legislators. The event was covered TV Channels 6 and 2.

During the year copies of the MARVEL! DVD were given to all public libraries and school districts, HSLIC members and academic libraries. It has been shown on cable stations throughout the state. It is useful for introducing MARVEL! to trustees, new staff, faculty, Friends, town staff and others. The DVDs were paid for out of Rural Sustainability funds and District funds. Large cut-outs of Tim Sample were produced by a Florida printer, and used in library exhibits to attract attention to MARVEL! resources.

TRUSTEE FORUMS (*attendance: 107*)

A steering committee of trustees from 6 libraries began work on revitalizing the Maine Library Trustee Association with funding support from a New Century Community grant. The committee worked with Steve Nichols, president of the Maine Library Trustee Association, and the District Consultants on a series of five Forums held at public libraries in Casco, Ellsworth, Rockland, Springvale, and Waterville. Each Forum consisted of demonstrations about the MARVEL! databases and WebJunction resources. These were followed by discussions of seven case studies based on real life examples from Maine libraries.

In addition to the Forums, the committee produced an online newsletter for trustees and began updating the trustee website. A year end assessment by the group concluded that the Forums should be expanded next year.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS' INSTITUTE AND ORIENTATION

Library directors in their positions three years or less participated in an orientation on June 9, 2008, at the Maine State Library. The full day session consisted of a library tour, presentations by state library staff, and a sharing session. Seventeen new directors attended this year.

Massachusetts library systems consultant Cheryl Bryan was the guest speaker at the 12th Annual Public Library Directors' Institute held June 10, 2008 at the Augusta Civic Center. Bryan's presentation "The Library as Commons" featured library facilities from around the country. Over 50 library directors attended the conference which included three breakout sessions on readers' advisory, building assessment, and creative programming. A lively discussion "Apples and Oranges" about library statistics resulted in the formation of a committee to help develop standardized methods of reporting. Adding to the Institute rapport was a lunchtime game of Library Jeopardy organized by the Northeastern District.

READING ROUND-UP OF CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Keynote speaker Pat Feehan from the University of South Carolina spoke about how to deal with aliteracy at the 19th annual RRU held April 17, 2008 at the Augusta Civic Center. Over 350 librarians and authors participated in twelve workshop sessions and had the first opportunity to view the new "Cream of the Crop" collection of children's and young adult books. A highlight of this conference is the presentation of Maine children's book awards including the Lupine, Katahdin and Chickadee awards.

SCOOP PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

The SCOOP agreement covers three years and is open to vendors dealing in library books, supplies, furniture and equipment. This year an open enrollment for new vendors was offered in the spring.

STATEWIDE COMMITTEES

Library Makeover Team

Jim Charette, Burbank Branch, Portland Public Library; **Bonnie Dwyer**, Central Maine Library District; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; **Cori McGrath** and **Richard Tucker**, Tucker Library Interiors; **Valerie Osborne**, Northeastern Maine Library District, Bangor; **Susan Trent**, Scarborough Public Library Trustee

Reading Round-Up

Rita Bouchard, Preti Flaherty, Portland; **Nancy Diamond**, Manchester/Readfield Elementary Schools; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District (ex officio); **Kate McGowen**, Topsham Public Library; **Liz Preble**, Auburn Middle School; **Wende Sairio**, Longfellow School, Brunswick (Chair); **Sarah Schultz-Nielsen**, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta

SCOOP Statewide Purchasing Committee

Donna Chale, Warsaw Middle School; **Bonnie Dwyer**, Central Maine Library District; **Tania Erickson**, Bangor Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Debbie Lozito**, Edythe Dyer Community Library; **Valerie Osborne**, Northeastern Maine Library District; **Betsy Pohl**, Lithgow Public Library; **Joy Russo**, Kennebunk High School; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library; and **Melanie Taylor Coombs**, Farmington Public Library

MEMBERSHIP [156: 69 public, 49 school systems (190 individual schools), 8 academic, 30 special libraries]

Public Libraries

Acton Public Library ~ Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham ~ Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills ~ Berwick Public Library ~ Bolsters Mills Village Library, Harrison ~ Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish ~ Bridgton Public Library ~ Brownfield Public Library ~ Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin ~ Cape Porpoise Library ~ Casco Public Library ~ Caswell Public Library, Harrison ~ Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell ~ Chebeague Island Library ~ Cliff Island Stone Library ~ Community Library, Lyman ~ Cundy's Harbor Library, Harpswell ~ Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick ~ D. A. Hurd Library, North Berwick ~ Davis Memorial Library, Limington ~ Denmark Public Library ~ Dyer Library, Saco ~ Falmouth Memorial Library ~ Freeport Community Library ~ Fryeburg Public Library ~ Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford ~ Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport ~ Gray Public Library ~ Hollis Center Public Library ~ Kennebunk Free Library ~ Kezar Falls Circulating Library ~ Lebanon Area Library, East Lebanon ~ Libby Memorial Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Limerick Public Library ~ Long Island Community Library ~ McArthur Public Library, Biddeford ~ Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth ~ Naples Public Library ~ New Gloucester Public Library ~ North Bridgton Public Library ~ North Gorham Public Library ~ Ocean Park Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Ogunquit Memorial Library ~ Orr's Island Library, Harpswell ~ Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred ~ Portland Public Library* ~ Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Center ~ Raymond Village Library ~ Rice Public Library, Kittery ~ Richville Library, Sebago Lake ~ Salmon Falls Village Library, Hollis Center ~ Scarborough Public Library ~ Shapleigh Community Library ~ Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram ~ South Berwick Public Library ~ South Portland Public Library ~ Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago ~ Springvale Public Library ~ Steep Falls Library ~ Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth ~ Village Library and Reading Room, Newfield ~ Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Waterboro Public Library, East Waterboro ~ Wells Public Library ~ West Buxton Public Library ~ William Fogg Library, Eliot ~ Windham Public Library ~ York Public Library

School Libraries

Acton Schools ~ Arundel Schools ~ Berwick Academy, South Berwick ~ Biddeford Schools ~ Breakwater School, Portland ~ Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton ~ Cape Elizabeth Schools ~ Cathedral Grammar School, Portland ~ Catherine McAuley High School, Portland ~ Cheverus High School, Portland ~ Falmouth Schools ~ Freeport Schools ~ Fryeburg Academy ~ Gorham Schools ~ Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf, Falmouth Foreside ~ Greater Portland Christian School, Portland ~ Kittery Schools ~ Levey Hebrew Day School, Portland ~ Merriconeag School, South Freeport ~ New Country School, West Baldwin ~ North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth ~ Old Orchard Beach Schools ~ Portland Schools ~ Raymond Schools ~ St. Patrick's School, Portland ~ St. Thomas School, Sanford ~ Sanford Schools ~ Scarborough Schools ~ South Portland Schools ~ Thornton Academy, Saco ~ Waynflete School, Portland ~ Westbrook Schools ~ Windham Schools ~ Windham R.E.A.L. School ~ Yarmouth Schools ~ York Schools ~ SAD #6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Standish) ~ SAD #15 (Gray, New Gloucester) ~ SAD #35 (Eliot, South Berwick) ~ SAD #51 (Cumberland, North Yarmouth) ~ SAD #55 (Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter) ~ SAD #57 (Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro) ~ SAD #60 (Berwick, Lebanon, North Berwick) ~ SAD #61 (Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago) ~ SAD #62 (Pownal) ~ SAD #71 (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport) ~ SAD #72 (Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell) ~ Union #7 (Dayton, Saco) ~ CSD #18 (Wells, Ogunquit)

Academic Libraries

Andover College, Portland ~ Maine College of Art, Portland ~ New England Bible College, South Portland ~ St. Joseph's College, Windham ~ Southern Maine Community College, South Portland ~ University of New England, Biddeford/Westbrook ~ University of Southern Maine, Portland/Gorham ~ York County Community College, Wells

Special Libraries

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland ~ Bridgton Hospital ~ Cleaves Law Library, Portland ~ Cumberland County Jail, Portland ~ Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton & MacMahon, Portland ~ First Baptist Church of Yarmouth ~ Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough ~ Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ General Theological Center of Maine, Portland ~ Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. ~ Harding ESE, Portland (formerly ABB Environmental Services, Inc.) ~ Historical Society of Wells/Ogunquit Genealogical Library ~ Lakes Center Library, Bridgton ~ Long Creek Development Center, South Portland (formerly Maine Youth Center) ~ Maine Correctional Center, South Windham ~ Maine Historical Society, Portland ~ Maine Medical Center, Portland ~ Mercy Hospital, Portland ~ Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ~ Old York Historical Society, York ~ Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley, Keddy, Portland ~ Portland Museum of Art ~ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery ~ Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios, Portland ~ Sappi Fine Paper, Westbrook ~ Shaker Library, Poland Spring ~ Southern Maine Medical Center, Biddeford ~ Wells Reserve Coastal Resource Library ** ~ Woodard & Curran, Portland ~ York Hospital

* Area Reference and Resource Center for the Southern Maine Library District

** NEW MEMBER – Joined August 13, 2007

MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS 2007 – 2008



Orientation for Public Library Directors
Maine State Library, June 9, 2008



Cheryl Bryan, Keynote Speaker
Public Library Directors' Institute
June 10, 2008



Library Jeopardy at the
Public Library Directors'
Institute



Library Makeover
New Vineyard Public Library
July 17, 2007



Library Makeover
Canaan Public Library
May 30, 2008



Exhibit at Maine Adult Education Conference
Sable Oaks, South Portland
October 18 & 19, 2007



Trustee Forum
Springvale Public Library
May 8, 2008



Lupine Award winners **Kevin Hawkes** (left)
Alan Madison at Reading Round-Up
April 17, 2008



Humorist **Tim Sample** at State Capitol
Maine Libraries Week
January 15, 2008

Library Spotlights

July 2007 – June 2008



Bangor Public Library
Reference Area
July 2007



Mark & Emily Turner
Memorial Library, Presque Isle
August 2007



Fryeburg Public Library
September 2007



Waterville Senior
High School
November 2007



Farmington Public Library
December 2007



Maine Regional Library System
35th Anniversary
January 2008



Gardiner Public Library
February 2008



Southwest Harbor Public Library
March 2008



Wells Reserve Coastal
Resource Library
April 2008



Rockland Public Library
May 2008



Garbrecht Law Library
USM, Portland
June 2008